

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terminal tackle for use with a fishing line and including a swivel portion having a ring that is trapped, but slideable on and rotatable about said swivel portion, said terminal tackle
5 further comprising:

· a bearing for receiving the fishing line therein, said bearing being
trapped, but slideable on and rotatable about said ring; and

· a hollow sleeve that is crimped around the fishing line to secure the
fishing line in said bearing.

10 2. The terminal tackle of Claim 1 wherein said bearing comprises a grommet having a
channel for receiving the fishing line therein.

3. The terminal tackle of Claim 2 wherein said grommet is shaped in the form of a
pulley.

15 4. A method for reducing the stress and abrasion of a fishing line coupled to a terminal
tackle that holds a lure thereto, said method comprising the steps of:

· providing a terminal tackle having a swivel portion that includes a
slideable and rotatable ring trapped to said swivel portion;

· trapping a bearing to said ring wherein said bearing is slideable on and
rotatable about said ring;

20 · positioning the free end of the fishing line around said bearing; and
· crimping said free end of the fishing line to the remainder of the fishing
line, thereby trapping the fishing line in said bearing.

5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said step of trapping a bearing to said ring comprises
shaping the bearing to have a pulley form which includes a channel.

25 6. The method of Claim 5 wherein said step of positioning the free end of the fishing line
around said bearing comprises disposing the fishing line inside said channel.